

# Missouri River

Missouri National Recreational River

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## Ranger Programs 2014

**Free ranger programs**—At present, there are no fees for any interpretive or educational programs at Missouri National Recreational River. Some programs are presented at state parks that require a daily pass or annual sticker for entry.

**Territorial Capitol Weekday Programs**—Rangers and volunteers will be at the territorial capitol replica in Yankton’s Riverside Park from 10 am to 4 pm most weekdays. There will be a special exhibit and kids’ activities each week and rangers will be available to answer your questions, present short talks, and conduct walks in the park and on the historic Meridian Bridge.

**Sunday morning programs**—Special exhibits, living history programs, and children’s craft programs are presented from 10:00 am to noon on Sundays at the Lewis & Clark Visitor Center. Topics include wildlife, the Lewis & Clark expedition, trade on the Missouri, steamboats, and homesteading. Crafts may include making a leather parfleche, a peace medal, or pioneer and American Indian toys.

**Partner site programs**—The following programs and events will be presented at sites operated by other agencies along the Wild & Scenic River. See the reverse side of this sheet for program descriptions.

Date	Time	Program	Location
Fri July 4	10 am	Canoeing 101	Lake Yankton east boat ramp
	4:30-7:30	Mobile Ranger Station at Pre-Fireworks	Springfield, SD
Sat, July 5	10am-2pm	Characters & Culture: After Lewis & Clark	Niobrara State Park
Fri, July 11	2:30 pm	Canoeing 101	Lake Yankton east boat ramp
	7:00 pm	Night Critters	Pierson Ranch Amphitheater
Sat, July 12	10am-2pm	Characters & Culture: After Lewis & Clark	Riverside Park—Territorial Capitol
Tues, July 15	TBA	Mobile Ranger Station at Big Sioux Cleanup	Newton Hills State Park
Fri, July 18	7:00 pm	Mammals of the Missouri	Niobrara State Park—RV Campground
Sat, July 19	8:00 am	39 mile Paddle Battle	Randall Creek State Recreation Area
	10am-2pm	Characters & Culture: After Lewis & Clark	Northpoint State Recreation Area
	7:00 pm	The Lion, the Train & the Texan	Corps of Engineers Cottonwood Campground
Thur, July 24	10:00 am	Canoeing 101	Lake Yankton east boat ramp
Fri, July 25	2:30 pm	Canoeing 101	Lake Yankton east boat ramp
	7:00 pm	The Lion, the Train & the Texan	Chief White Crane Campground Amphitheater
Sat, July 26	10am-2pm	Characters & Culture: After Lewis & Clark	Ponca State Park
Fri, Aug 1	7:00 pm	Native Plants, Native Uses	Pierson Ranch Campground Amphitheater
Sat, Aug 2	10am-2pm	Discover the Real Missouri River	Niobrara State Park
Thur, Aug 7	Noon	Canoeing 101	Lake Yankton east boat ramp
Fri, Aug 8	Noon	Canoeing 101	Lake Yankton east boat ramp
	7:00 pm	TBA	Niobrara State Park—RV Campground
Sat, Aug 9	10am-2pm	Discover the Real Missouri River	Ponca State Park
Sun, Aug 10	TBA	Mobile Ranger Station at Knox County Fair	Bloomfield, NE
Fri, Aug 15	4-6pm	Mobile Ranger Station at Riverboat Days	Yankton Riverside Park
Sat, Aug 16	9am-6pm	Mobile Ranger Station at Riverboat Days	Yankton Riverside Park
Sun, Aug 17		Mobile Ranger Station at Riverboat Days	Yankton Riverside Park
Fri, Aug 22	7:00 pm	Standing Bear vs. the Indian Ring	Chief White Crane Campground Amphitheater
Sat, Aug 23	TBA	Lewis & Clark 210th Anniversary event	Spirit Mound Historic Prairie, Vermillion, SD
Fri, Aug 29	7:00 pm	TBA	Niobrara State Park—RV Campground
Sat, Aug 30	TBA	Mobile Ranger Station at Yankton Rib Fest	(Tentative) Yankton Memorial Park
Sat, Sept 6	TBA	Mobile Ranger Station at Ribs, Rods, & Rock	(Tentative) Vermillion, SD
Sat, Sept 13	TBA	Missouri River Cleanup	Verdel, NE boat ramp
Sept 20, 21	All Day	Missouri River Outdoor Expo	Ponca State Park

Schedule as of 07/01/2014 - subject to changes, additions, and cancellations.  
Times and/or locations subject to change. Outdoor programs subject to weather-related cancellation or relocation.  
Weekly updates: [www.nps.gov/mnrr](http://www.nps.gov/mnrr), click on “More” at “This Week’s Programs & Events”.  
Questions? Just call park headquarters at 605-665-0209.

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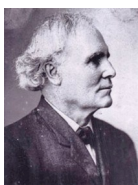
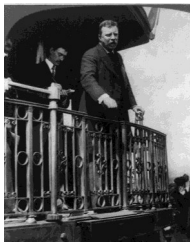


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### The Lion, the Train, and the Texan

From the tall tales of Teddy Roosevelt to the romance of train travel, the story of the Missouri National Recreational River is that of those who chose to protect it. Discover how 20th century presidents were influenced by America's great rivers and were inspired to protect the Missouri and other Wild & Scenic waterways. Come indulge in the colorful chronicles of the Presidential reformations and river raft revivals that saved the Missouri.



### Standing Bear vs. the Indian Ring

Live reenactment. In this new program, Thomas Tibbles, Indian rights advocate, abolitionist, and 1879 editor of the Omaha Herald, tells the story of Chief Standing Bear and his fight against those who would oppress and exploit the natives of this land.

### Mammals of the Missouri

A hands-on program for the whole family. Discover the animals native to this part of the Missouri River and how they have adapted to and fit into the ecosystem. Identify them by their pelts, teeth, and scat.



### Canoeing 101

Before you go out to explore the Wild and Scenic River, learn the basics of canoe handling and safety in this clinic led by National Park Rangers and state park staff. For ages 12 to adult. Reservations required; contact Lewis & Clark State Recreation Area 605-668-2985.

### Native Plants, Native Uses

The forest and prairie were the pantry and medicine chest of the Plains Indians and early settlers. A National Park Ranger shows samples and pictures of native plants and reveals how they were used for food, medicine, and ceremonial purposes.



## Junior Ranger Program

### Ask about our Junior Ranger Program

Earn your Badge and Certificate as you explore the park with your family! It's fun and it's free! Ask a National Park Ranger at the Territorial Capitol or the Mobile Ranger Station. Or go to: [www.nps.gov/mnrr/forkids](http://www.nps.gov/mnrr/forkids)



Discover more National Park activities online at: [www.nps.gov/webrangers](http://www.nps.gov/webrangers)

**Special Event Saturdays 10 am—2 pm** (Unless otherwise stated)

*The Mobile ranger station will be open at all these events!*

**July 5**

**Characters & Culture:**

**The Missouri River After Lewis & Clark  
Niobrara State Park**

Outlaws, artists, steamboaters, dam builders and many more interesting and colorful characters made their contributions to the two centuries after the famous expedition. Rangers will be offering a variety of programs and activities introducing these historic characters to the whole family, as well as the Mobile Ranger Station to explore.

**July 12**

**Characters & Culture:**

**The Missouri River After Lewis & Clark**

**Riverside Park, Yankton**

See July 5 above for details.

**July 19**

**Characters & Culture:**

**The Missouri River After Lewis & Clark**

**Randall Creek Recreation Area**

See July 5 above for details.

**July 26**

**Characters & Culture:**

**The Missouri River After Lewis & Clark**

**Ponca State Park**

See July 5 above for details

**August 2**

**Discover the Real Missouri River**

**Niobrara State Park**

Discover the true nature of the remaining free-flowing sections of America's longest river and what they hold for you. The Missouri National Recreational River Mobile Ranger Station will be set up for visitors to explore. In addition, rangers will offer demonstrations and activities including the Missouri River stream table, a soundscape hike, and "Frogs and Other Friends", a program on local amphibians. Kids can earn a Junior Ranger patch by completing activities.

**August 9**

**Discover the Real Missouri River**

**Ponca State Park**

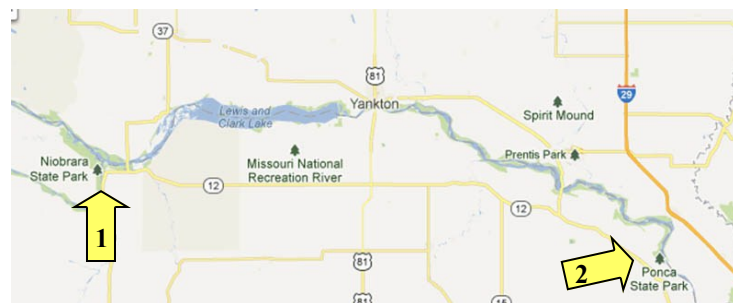
See August 2 above for details.

**August 23 Time TBA**

**Lewis & Clark Heritage Day**

**Spirit Mound**

Travel with the Corps of Discovery through multiple presentations by the National Park Service, South Dakota State Parks, and others.



1 Niobrara State Park

2 Ponca State Park

3 Lake Yankton

4 Territorial Capitol

**Don't forget our special programs every Sunday from 10:00 to noon at the Lewis & Clark Visitor Center, June 8 to August 24.**

### Contact your park

For more information on programs or schedules, contact:

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